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***Dakotaseps* gen. nov., a replacement name for the lizard genus *Dakotasaurus* Nydam 2013, a junior homonym of the ichnotaxon *Dakotasaurus* Branson and Mehl 1932**

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Dakotasaurus gilletorum Nydam 2013 was erected for two partial mandibles of a paramacelolid-cordylid grade scincomorphan lizard from the early Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian) of southern Utah (Nydam 2013). However, the genus name *Dakotasaurus* is a junior homonym of the ichnofossil *Dakotasaurus* Branson and Mehl 1932. Under Article 23.1 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999) Branson and Mehl's (1932) name has priority.

There is no synonym available as a replacement name of the junior homonym as applied to the fossil lizard so in conjunction with ICZN Articles 57 and 60 I propose as a replacement the name *Dakotaseps* gen. nov. (from “Dakota” in reference to the Dakota Formation and from the Greek “sepos”, meaning lizard); type species—*D. gilletorum* Nydam 2013. This name perpetuates the original intent of Nydam (2013) to identify this taxon with the geological formation from which it is known.

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